

Workshop on the Physical Oceanography Slope and Rise of the Gulf of Mexico

Oil and gas exploration in the Gulf of Mexico at depths greater than 1,000 ft. has increased considerably. An initial workshop held April 22-24, 1997, addressing environmental factors of deepwater exploration recommended a three-component physical oceanography approach. The approach would increase Minerals Management Service (MMS) understanding of physical oceanographic processes. The first component was to reanalyze existing observations and suggest a field program design. The second component was to use numerical models to enhance understanding of physical processes in the region. The final component was to conduct a field program to gather measurements to characterize the processes and provide information for environmental assessment and oil spill assessment tracking.

Current measurements made during these exploratory studies revealed surprisingly strong currents in deep water. Because of these findings and recommendations of the Scientific Committee of the OCS Advisory Board, the Minerals Management Service will conduct a workshop on physical oceanography of the Gulf of Mexico. The main objective of this workshop will be to review the design submitted from the reanalysis effort and suggest modifications to enhance its information yield and successful deployment.

Location and Accommodations

The New Orleans Airport Hilton
901 Airline Drive
Kenner, Louisiana
(504) 469-5000 or
(800) HILTONS

A block of rooms is being held for "MMS Physical Oceanography" participants at a rate of \$105.00 per night, excluding taxes. **Please make your own hotel reservations by August 21, 1999.** A limited number of rooms are available at these special rates, so we encourage you to make your lodging reservations as early as possible.

Registration

Complete the registration form and mail or fax to:

University of New Orleans
Office of Conference Services
Lakefront -- ED 122
New Orleans, Louisiana 70148
(504) 280-6680
FAX: (504) 280-7317

To register on the Internet go to: <http://conferences.uno.edu>

Participants must register, although there are no registration fees. For additional information call Debra Vigil (504) 736-2406 or send an E-mail to debra.vigil@mms.gov

Agenda

Tuesday, September 12, 2000	
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Technical Presentations
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Working Groups
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Plenary Session
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Social
Wednesday, September 13, 2000	
7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Plenary Session
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.	Working Groups
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Plenary Session
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Working Groups
Thursday, September 14, 2000	
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Plenary Session
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Group Discussion
11:00 a.m. - 12 noon	Final Discussion

Times subject to minor changes.

Yes, I plan to attend the Workshop on the Physical Oceanography Slope and Rise of the Gulf of Mexico.

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